Approved For Release 2004/03/25 : CIA-RDP61-00357R000300200066-2 CHESTER W. BOWLES

CHESTER W. BOWLES, Democrat of Connecticut, former Price Administrator (1943-46), former Economic Stabilizer (1946), former Connecticut Governor (1949-51), former Ambassador to India and Nepal (1951-53), wanted the Democratic nomination for the Senate this year. But at the Democratic state convention on June 28, Bowles and William Benton, his former advertising partner whom Bowles had appointed to the Senate in 1949, were both outrun by former Rep. Thomas J. Dodd (D.), who won the Senate nomination.

Bowles settled for a consolation prize -- the Democratic nomination for the 2nd District in Eastern Connecticut. He learned that he was up against a strong campaigner in Rep. Horace Seely-Brown (R.), who had given away thousands of pot holders to constituents. So Bowles and his wife Dorothy went coffee-klatching, and, aided by Gov. A. A. Ribicoff's hands-down victory for reelection, Bowles beat Seely-Brown by 9,893 votes.

Bowles campaigned against the Administration's foreign and domestic policies. Having won, he feels he has much in common with John Quincy Adams. Adams served in the House from 1831-48 after having been President of the United States. Bowles has another tie with the past. He is the grandson of Samuel Bowles, the famous pro-Lincoln anti-slavery crusading editor of the Springfield Republican. Greatly interested in foreign affairs, Bowles has been a delegate to a number of international conferences, and he is active in many organizations specializing in foreign affairs. Bowles is a graduate of Yale, married, and has five children. He is an ardent yachtsman.